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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CY, FI

SUBJECT: FINNISH VIEWS ON CYPRUS SITUATION

1. DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN OFFICE POLITICAL SECTION TODAY TOLD EMBOFF THAT FINNS SUPPORT AND WELCOME US AND UN ACTIONS IN BRINGING ABOUT CEASE-FIRE AND NEGOTIATIONS ON CYPRUS.

2. DR. KORHONEN CLAIMED THAT THE FINNS NOT ONLY HAD NO REPEAT NO INTENTION OF WITHDRAWING ANY OF THEIR UN FORCES ON CYPRUS, BUT WERE IN FACT READY TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FORCES SHOULD THE UN REQUIRE THIS. HE SAID THAT ONLY CONTACT THAT THE FINNS HAD ON THE SCENE IN CYPRUS WAS WITH THEIR UN CONTINGENT, AND THAT TOO ONLY SPORADIC. AS FAR AS THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS BEEN ABLE TO ASCERTAIN ONLY ONE FINNISH UN SOLDIER HAS BEEN WOUNDED.

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ACCORDING TO REPORTS TWELVE FINNISH UN TROOPS WERE

HELD FOR SIX HOURS BY GREEK CYPRIOT FORCES, AFTER WHICH THEY WERE RELEASED. THE ROUNGLY 30 FINNS ON CYPRUS AS TOURISTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN CARE OF BY SWEDISH COMPANIES.

3. FINLAND HAS NO DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVE ON CYPRUS. THE FINNISH AMBASSADOR IN ROME, WHO IS ALSO ACCREDITED TO CYPRUS, APPARENTLY IS COMPLETELY OUT OF THE PICTURE. ONE OF THE SHARPEST MEN IN THE FINNISH FOREIGN SERVICE , AMBASSADOR HYVARINEN, AMBASSADOR TO YUGOSLAVIA AND ALSO ACCREDITED TO GREECE, HAS PROCEEDED TO ATHENS. THE FINNS HAVE FORMALLY THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS REQUESTED THE TURKS TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT IN REGARD TO CYPRUS, PARTICULARLY INS FAR AS FINNISH UN TROOPS THERE ARE CONCERNED.

4. AS DR. KORHONEN PUT IT, THE FINNS HAVE NOT TO DATE NEEDED TO TAKE A PUBLIC POSTION ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER MAKARIOS SHOULD STILL BE CONSIDERED THE LEGITIMATE PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS. NEVERTHELESS, BY DEALING WITH MAKARIOS AND ROSSIDES AT THE UN, THEY HAVE PERHAPS TAKEN A DE FACTO STAND ON THIS MATTER. IN ANY CASE, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT FINLAND ONLY RECOGNIZES STATES, NOT GOVERNMENTS.

5. FINLAND HAS NO PARTICULAR ASPIRATIONS OF HER OWN AS FAR AS CYPRUS IS CONCERNED. SHE WILL ACCEPT ANYTHING THAT THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL OR THE GUARANTOR STATES WILL COME UP WITH AS A SOLUTION. FINLAND DOES, HOWEVER, TAKE HER ROLE AS A CONTRIBUTOR TO PEACE THROUGH UN PEACE-KEEPING FORCES VERY SERIOUSLY, AND CAN BE COUNTED UPON TO BEAR MORE THAN HER FAIR SHARE OF THIS BURDEN.  
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